

SUGGESTED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR A GROUP OF 7 TWO-YEAR OLDS

Indoor Furniture & Equipment

- _____ A sturdy commercial diapering table with steps
- _____ A chair for each child in the group, sized so their feet touch the floor easily (7 – 9 inches high)
- _____ Enough tables to allow all the children to sit comfortably at once so their elbows can rest on the table and knees fit under (16 inches high)
- _____ 4 low (24" or less) shelf units or dividers to create at least three defined learning centers (double sided shelves count as two shelves)
- _____ Diaper disposal container with foot operated tight fitting lid
- _____ Steps or stool for the sink
- _____ Book storage that is accessible to children
- _____ A mat or cot for each child
- _____ A sheet for each mat or cot
- _____ Storage for mats or cots (if applicable)
- _____ A cubby or storage unit for each child
- _____ A cozy area that can accommodate 2-3 children, with a combination of: easily cleanable upholstered furniture, cushions, rugs, large pillows, beanbag chairs, etc.

Storage Containers

- _____ Enough small bins, baskets, or other containers to store & display separated materials in each learning center (Not toy boxes)

Language & Literacy Materials

- _____ 14 age appropriate books, including factual and fantasy books that show people of different races, cultures, ages, abilities and genders in non-stereotypical roles.
- _____ 5 people and animal puppets
- _____ Wall display materials (pictures, posters, etc. that depict a variety of cultures, ethnicities, ages, abilities and genders in non-stereo-typical roles)

Optional:

- _____ Wall display equipment (Plexiglas picture holders, mirrors, etc.)

Manipulative / Cognitive/ Early Math Materials

- _____ 3 wooden puzzles with and without knobs
- _____ 3 different 100 piece sets of large construction toys (duplos, bristle blocks, etc.)
- _____ 3 fine motor toys (or sets of toys) of varying type, color, size, shape, and texture (shape sorters, pop beads, stacking/nesting toys, pull apart toys, fill and dump games, large stringing bead sets, pegboards with chunky pegs, pounding or hammering toys, hidden object toys, simple sort or match toys, etc.)
- _____ 2 sets of materials to support awareness of numbers (magnetic numbers, puzzles etc.)
- _____ 2 sets of materials to support awareness of shapes (large parquet tiles, shape puzzles, etc)

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Block Play Materials

- _____ A set of at least 20 medium or large blocks
- _____ A set of at least 40 small blocks
- _____ 10 vehicles of various types and sizes (cars, trucks, boats, planes, etc.)
- _____ 10 people figures, including children and adults with varying skin tones
- _____ 10 or more animal figures (farm, zoo, ocean dinosaur, etc.)

Optional:

- _____ 3 construction/hard hats
- _____ A block play mat or rug

Music & Movement Materials

- _____ A CD player
- _____ 6 music CDs representing at least 3 different music styles (classical, jazz, children's songs, ethnic music, etc.)
- _____ 14 musical/rhythm instruments and musical toys
- _____ 14 movement to music props (streamers, scarves, etc.)

Art Materials

- _____ 7 paintbrushes of varying sizes and types
- _____ 7 paint containers
- _____ A variety of painting tools (sponges, rollers, etc.)
- _____ 7 paint smocks
- _____ 14 play dough accessories (cookie cutters, blunt knives, rolling pins, etc.)

Optional

- _____ Toddler height paint easels
- _____ A drying rack

Dramatic Play Materials

- _____ 3 or more pieces of toddler-sized play furniture (refrigerator, stove/oven, sink, table & chairs, etc.)
- _____ 15 pieces of plastic/play food and grocery/food boxes/bottles with word labels
- _____ A set of play dishes (plates, cups, pots/pans, mixing bowls, cooking/baking dishes, spatula, etc.)
- _____ 4 play telephones
- _____ 2 small doll/figure sets (Fisher Price, dollhouse sets, barn with farm animals, etc.)
- _____ 10 machine washable soft toys including both dolls and stuffed animals
- _____ 4 dolls with varying skin colors
- _____ 8 doll accessories (clothes, bottles, blankets)
- _____ 2 pieces doll furniture (sturdy doll bed, high chair, stroller or carriage, etc.)
- _____ 10 dress-up items (clothes, hats, shoes, purses, wallets, etc.) for both girls and boys

Optional:

- _____ A coat/clothing rack to hang dress-up clothes on
- _____ Community Helper hats and dress up clothes
- _____ A shopping cart or basket and related items for playing store
- _____ An unbreakable mirror large enough for the children to see themselves

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Science & Nature Play Materials

- _____ 3 sets of exploration toys (magnifying glasses, large magnets, color paddles, etc.)
- _____ 2 nature puzzles or activity sets
- _____ A licensing approved classroom pet (fish aquarium, hamsters, etc.) and its home container
- _____ 5 books that represent nature realistically
- _____ 5 pictures that represent nature realistically

Sensory Play Materials

- _____ A sensory table or large plastic sensory bin
- _____ Materials to fill the sensory table/bin, periodically rotated (sand, water, birdseed, etc.)
- _____ 7 accessories for digging, holding, pouring, and floating (small shovels, measuring cups and spoons, sand molds, small pitchers, water wheels, sifters, small vehicles such as boats, planes, and cars, etc.)
- _____ 7 waterproof smocks

Optional:

- _____ A non-skid water absorbent mat

Active Physical Play Equipment (Indoor & Outdoor): choose 7 from the following list

Essential Items

- _____ Riding toys with and without pedals
- _____ Wagons
- _____ Balls of various sizes
- _____ Sand toys (buckets, shovels, trowels, molds, vehicles, etc.)
- _____ Portable large motor equipment (crawl through tunnel, bean bags, small basketball hoop and basketballs, tumbling mats, etc.) *
- _____ Corner climber or loft (less than 18 inches) for indoor use with a soft surface in a three foot use zone

Materials to Promote the Acceptance of Diversity

- _____ 5 books showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age, ability, and gender in non-stereotypical role
- _____ 5 pictures showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age, ability, and gender in non-stereotypical role
- _____ 5 dolls/people figures showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age and ability,
- _____ 3 other materials such as play food or puppets showing diversity in the following areas: race, culture, age, ability,

Professional Resource Materials

- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on toddler/two year old development
- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on quality toddler/two year old programming
- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on age appropriate activities to do with toddler/two year olds

* The Crawl and Climb Caterpillar is NOT a tunnel; it is a climber and should have ASTM approved cushioning. Choose a simple tunnel.